

Murfreesboro home. When she joined my staff as a field representative in 2009, she helped my constituents obtain their Social Security and Medicare benefits and helped students with concerns related to federal student loans. Lauren was enthusiastic, capable and quick to help all constituents who came through our door. Her kindhearted, compassionate nature endeared her to many people who were going through rough times and just needed some help cutting through government redtape.

In June, Lauren left the big city of Murfreesboro and headed to a really big city, Washington, DC, to experience work on Capitol Hill. When the scheduler position became available, Lauren stepped in and rose to the challenge. In a short time she mastered the complexities of the job and put her organizational skills to good use on major logistical projects, such as archiving my congressional papers for our alma mater.

Lauren's professionalism and positive attitude have made her a great addition to the office. She generously shared her home-baked treats with the office and became an integral part of the team. Her tiny dog, Nona, even graced us with occasional visits to the office in her leopard-print Snuggie, further brightening the mood.

Madam Speaker, I and the rest of the staff will miss Lauren, but we are thrilled about this newest chapter in her career. I've had the pleasure of meeting her family, and I know she makes them proud. Lauren, I and your colleagues here in DC and in Tennessee wish you all the best in the future.

HONORING ELIZABETH ZUBITIS

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Elizabeth Zubitis, who will retire on January 5, 2011 after 47 years of active membership and leadership in the Washington State Democratic Party. I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Ms. Zubitis for her commitment to public service, civic engagement, her extensive accomplishments within her community, and her undertakings as a local leader of the Democratic Party.

Born in Alberta, Canada, Elizabeth Zubitis and her family moved to Moscow, Idaho where she became a naturalized citizen of the United States. Soon after, she became an active member of the Democratic Party. She began her career in the party as a Democratic Precinct Committee Officer in 1964. Over the course of her career, Ms. Zubitis has been the treasurer of the Pierce County Democratic League in the Washington State Federation of Democratic Women, the chair of Washington State's 2nd Legislative District Democrats, the chair of the State's 29th Legislative District Democrats, and served a four-year term as the chair of the Pierce County Democrats.

Additionally, Ms. Zubitis has been an active member of the Coalition of Labor Union Women and the Lady Garment Workers Union, which was later incorporated into the United Food and Commercial Workers Union. She became and served for many years as a full-time union representative for the United Food and Commercial Workers Union, and retired from this post in 1999.

Having been recognized by several organizations as a noteworthy person, Ms. Zubitis has proven to be an inspiring role model for girls and women in the community. Among her many accolades, she has received the Warren G. Magnuson Award for State Committee Woman of the Year in 2001 and the Glass Ceiling Award. Ms. Zubitis's retirement will mark the end of her two-year term as Chair of Washington State's 30th Legislative District Democrats. Her long list of accomplishments is made more impressive by her success as a mother of five children and a loving grandmother.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Elizabeth Zubitis on her many remarkable achievements, her venerable service to her community, and her retirement after 47 years of committed involvement with the Washington State Democrats.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF THOMAS L. BALDINI

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the service of my good friend and District Director Thomas L. Baldini of Marquette, Michigan. Tom has been a member of my staff since 2003, but has been a devoted member of the Marquette community for over 40 years and has been a committed public servant to the people of Michigan throughout his long career.

Tom graduated from Northern Michigan University (NMU) in Marquette in 1965 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Secondary Education (Political Science/Economics and History). Following his time at NMU, Tom began his distinguished career as a high school economics and political science teacher with Marquette Area Public Schools, a position he held for 18 years. Throughout his teaching career, Tom also served as a part-time instructor at NMU.

In 1983, Tom began serving as the Special Assistant to Michigan Governor James Blanchard for Upper Peninsula Affairs and Education Advisor, and was referred to as the "Governor of the Upper Peninsula." Tom continued to serve the citizens of Michigan with Governor Blanchard until 1991, when he went back to work for Marquette Area Public Schools as Assistant to the Superintendent for Personnel and Finance.

Three years later, Tom had the distinct honor of being appointed by President Clinton—and later confirmed by the U.S. Senate—to become the Chairman of the U.S. Section of the International Joint Commission (IJC) for Canada and the United States. Tom was later tapped by President Clinton once again to become the U.S. Commissioner to the International Boundary Commission (IBC) for the United States and Canada. Tom was the first American to hold these two diplomatic positions for the United States concurrently.

Looking for a change in his professional life, Tom became my District Director in 2003 and has been with me ever since. When I am in Washington, Tom is my eyes and ears in northern Michigan and serves as my chief representative throughout our expansive District.

Tom possesses a firm passion for public service and a steadfast commitment to the people of Michigan, and always stands ready to assist in any way he can. He managed my 10-person district staff in seven different offices and assists constituents, local communities, local governments and businesses throughout the district.

Madam Speaker, Thomas L. Baldini is a dear friend to both me, and the citizens of northern Michigan. His remarkable career of public service is truly inspiring and I know that after my time in Congress has ended, Tom will continue to play an integral role in his community for years to come. I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Thomas L. Baldini's four decades of service to the State of Michigan.

HONORING ROSHARA "ROSIE" J. HOLUB

HON. W. TODD AKIN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. AKIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Roshara "Rosie" J. Holub, president and chief executive officer of the Missouri Credit Union Association, the service and support association for Missouri's 153 credit unions and their more than 1.3 million members. After decades of service to credit unions and their members, Rosie will be retiring on December 17th of this year.

Rosie has an extensive and impressive resume of professional accomplishments. She served as Chairman of the American Association of Credit Union Leagues (AACUL), as Chair of Credit Union House, LLC (Washington, DC), and as a Board member of the Filene Institute. Rosie also served on the Credit Union National Association (CUNA) Partnership Committee and the National Action and Response Program (NARP) Coordinating Council.

Once named as one of the 25 most influential businesswomen in St. Louis, Rosie has positively impacted Missouri's financial services community through her leadership and educational efforts. Among her contributions to Missouri, she served on the Board of Trustees for the Missouri Council on Economic Education (MCEE) and the Board of Advisors for the University of Missouri's College of Health and Environmental Sciences: Personal Financial Planning Department.

I've had the honor of knowing Rosie Holub for many years. She has represented the Missouri Credit Union Association, its employees and member credit unions with a warm personality and professionalism. My staff and I will miss her, but wish her God's blessing in retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. ANTHONY P. PLACIDO ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. REYES. Madam Speaker, today I pay tribute to Mr. Anthony P. Placido on his retirement from public service at the end of this